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ARIZONA

The January 1, 2020 inventory of all cattle and calves in Arizona totaled 970,000 head, down 5 percent from the January 1, 2019 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 202,000 head, were down 13,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows decreased 12,000 head from last year to 193,000 head. Arizona's 2019 calf crop, at 300,000 head, is down 6 percent from 2018.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2020 and percent changes from 2019 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 14 percent to 30,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 4 percent to 110,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 25 percent to 15,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 7 percent to 275,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 20,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, up 9 percent to 125,000 head. The total inventory included 255,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 14 percent from last year.

COLORADO

The January 1, 2020 inventory of all cattle and calves in Colorado totaled 2.80 million head, down 2 percent from the January 1, 2019 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 771,000 head, were down 21,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows increased 11,000 head from last year to 189,000 head. Colorado's 2019 calf crop, at 830,000 head, is down 1 percent from 2018.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2020 and percent changes from 2019 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 3 percent to 165,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 5 percent to 115,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 2 percent to 580,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 5 percent to 790,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 55,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 7 percent to 135,000 head. The total inventory included 1.12 million head of cattle and calves on feed, up 7 percent from last year.

MONTANA

The January 1, 2020 inventory of all cattle and calves in Montana totaled 2.50 million head, unchanged from the January 1, 2019 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 1.43 million head, were down 20,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows were unchanged from last year at 12,000 head. Montana's 2019 calf crop, at 1.42 million head, is down 1 percent from 2018.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2020 and percent changes from 2019 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 3 percent to 390,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 38 percent to 5,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 1 percent to 230,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 4 percent to 250,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, up 5 percent to 105,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, unchanged at 80,000 head. The total inventory included 50,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, up 25 percent from last year.

NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2020 inventory of all cattle and calves in New Mexico totaled 1.45 million head, down 2 percent from the January 1, 2019 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 480,000 head, were unchanged from the previous year. Milk cows increased 5,000 head from last year to 330,000 head. New Mexico's 2019 calf crop, at 630,000 head, is up 2 percent from 2018.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2020 and percent changes from 2019 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 16 percent to 80,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 12 percent to 140,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 85,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 19 percent to 105,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, down 14 percent to 30,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 2 percent to 200,000 head.

UTAH

The January 1, 2020 inventory of all cattle and calves in Utah totaled 820,000 head, up 1 percent from the January 1, 2019 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 358,000 head, were up 18,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows decreased 3,000 head from last year to 97,000 head. Utah's 2019 calf crop, at 400,000 head, is up 4 percent from 2018.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2020 and percent changes from 2019 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 21 percent to 85,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 50,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 8 percent to 60,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 6 percent to 80,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 25,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 13 percent to 65,000 head. The total inventory included 20,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 13 percent from last year.

WYOMING

The January 1, 2020 inventory of all cattle and calves in Wyoming totaled 1.32 million head, up 2 percent from the January 1, 2019 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 724,000 head, were up 10,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows were unchanged from last year at 6,000 head. Wyoming’s 2019 calf crop, at 670,000 head, is unchanged from 2018.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2020 and percent changes from 2019 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 160,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 4,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 126,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 3 percent to 155,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, up 13 percent to 45,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, unchanged at 100,000 head. The total inventory included 70,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, up 8 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2020 totaled 94.4 million head, slightly below the 94.8 million head on January 1, 2019.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.7 million head, were 1 percent below the 41.0 million head on January 1, 2019. Beef cows, at 31.3 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.33 million head, were down slightly from the previous year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2020 totaled 20.1 million head, slightly below the 20.2 million head on January 1, 2019. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.77 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.64 million head, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.71 million head, were 1 percent above a year earlier.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2020 totaled 16.7 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2019. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2020 totaled 2.24 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2019. Calves under 500 pounds as of January 1, 2020 totaled 14.7 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2019.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 14.7 million head on January 1, 2020. The inventory is up 2 percent from the January 1, 2019 total of 14.4 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 81.5 percent of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2020, up slightly from the previous year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots) at 26.4 million head, was slightly below January 1, 2019.

The 2019 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 36.1 million head, down 1 percent from last year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2019 were estimated at 26.4 million head, down slightly from the first half of 2018. Calves born during the second half of 2019 were estimated at 9.71 million head, 27 percent of the total 2019 calf crop.

All inventory and calf crop estimates for July 1, 2018, January 1, 2019, and July 1, 2019 were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. Based on the findings of this review, July 1, 2018 all cattle and calves decreased by 0.2 percent. January 1, 2019 all cattle and calves increased slightly, all cows and heifers that have calved decreased by 0.2 percent, and 2018 calf crop decreased by 0.2 percent. July 1, 2019 all cattle and calves were decreased by 0.1 percent, all cows and heifers that have calved decreased by 0.2 percent, and 2019 calf crop decreased by 0.7 percent. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

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